ORDER OF SERVICE

FOR

Day of Fasting and Prayer

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LATE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

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SET FORTH BY

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I AM the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die.—*St. John xi*, 25, 26.

I KNOW that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God; whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.—*Job xix*, 25, 26, 27.

WE brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord.—1 *Tim vi*, 7. *Job i*, 21.

DEARLY beloved, know this, that Almighty God is the Lord of life and death, and of all things to them pertaining; as youth, strength, health, age, weakness and sickness. Wherefore, whatsoever your affliction be, know you certainly that it is God's visitation. And for what cause soever this affliction be sent unto us; whether it be to try our patience for the example of others, and that our faith may be found, in the day of the Lord, laubable, glorious and honourable, to the increase of glory and endless felicity; or else it be sent unto us to correct and amend in us whatso-

ever doth offend the eyes of our heavenly Father; know you certainly that if we truly repent us of our sins, and bear our affliction patiently, trusting in God's mercy, for his dear Son Jesus Christ's sake, and render unto him humble thanks for his Fatherly visitation, submitting ourselves wholly unto his will, it shall turn to our profit, and help us forward in the right way that leadeth unto everlasting life.

TAKE therefore in good part the chastisement of the Lord: For, as St. Paul saith in the twelfth chapter to the Hebrews, Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons: For what son is he whom the Father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh, which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: Shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. These words are written in holy Scripture, for our comfort and instruction; that we should patiently, and with thanksgiving, bear our heavenly Father's correction, whensoever, by any manner of adversity, it shall please his gracious goodness to visit us. And there should be no greater comfort to Christian persons, than to be made like unto Christ, by suffering patiently adversities, troubles, and sickness. For he himself went not up to joy, but first he suffered pain; He entered not into his glory before he was crucified. So truly our way to eternal joy, is to suffer here with Christ; and our door to enter into eternal life, is gladly to die with Christ; that we may rise again from death, and dwell with him in everlasting life.

¶ *Then shall this General Confession be made by the Priest,*

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty; provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burthen of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant, that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Priest (the Bishop, if he be present) stand up, and turning to the People, say,*

ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say the Lord's Prayer, the People repeating after him every petition.*

OUR Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, For ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then likewise he shall say,*

O Lord, Open thou our lips;

Ans. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

¶ *Here all standing up, the Minister shall say,*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Ans. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Min. Praise ye the Lord.

Ans. The Lord's name be praised.

¶ *Funeral Anthem as in Burial Service,*

"Lord let me know my end," &c.

¶ *Lesson I Cor. xv, 20. (As in Burial Service.)*

¶ *Then shall be sung or said, THE CREED.*

"Man that is born of a woman," &c. (*Burial Service.*)

The Lord be with you;

Ans. And with thy Spirit.

¶ *Min.* Let us pray.

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

Ans. And grant us thy salvation.

Min. O God, make clean our hearts within us;

Ans. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

O MOST MIGHTY GOD, terrible in thy judgments, and mysterious in thy doings towards the children of men, we bow before thee in deep humility and sorrow of heart, on account of that afflictive dispensation, whereby thou has removed from this nation its Chief Magistrate by death. In thy wisdom, O God, thou hast seen fit to visit the nation with this great trouble, and to bring this sore distress upon us. Remember us, O Lord, in mercy, and while we bend before thee in mourning, strengthen us by thy grace, that we faint not in this day of adversity. Sanctify thy fatherly correction to us as individuals and as a nation; endue our souls with patience under our affliction and with resignation to thy blessed will; leave us not, O Lord, comfortless and in darkness, but lift up the light of thy countenance upon us, and give us peace. *Amen.*

O MOST MERCIFUL GOD and Heavenly Father, who hast taught us in thy Holy Word, that thou dost not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men, look with pity, we beseech thee, upon the sorrows of thy servants, the family of our late lamented Chief Magistrate, for whom our prayers are desired. Behold them, O God, with the eyes of thy mercy, comfort them with a sense of thy goodness, preserve them under this be-

reaving blow, give them patience under their afflictions and resignation to thy holy will, that so their wounded hearts may be bound up by thy strengthening promises, and their bruised spirits be healed by the oil and wine of thy consoling grace. Be to them, indeed, the God of all comfort; and may they by thy grace be led to consecrate themselves to thee and thy service, and thus be prepared to dwell with thee in that heavenly kingdom, where sin and death never enter. These things, and whatever else thou shalt see to be necessary and convenient for them, we humbly ask in the name and intercession of Jesus Christ, who, with the Father and the Son, liveth and reigneth one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O GOD, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered; Make us, we beseech thee, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let thy Holy Spirit lead us through this vale of misery, in holiness and righteousness, all the days of our lives: That, when we shall have served thee in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of the catholic Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope; in favor with thee our God, and in perfect charity with the world. All which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Here may be introduced the Sermon should one be delivered.*

¶ *Then shall be said or sung the De Profundis.*

Psalm cxxix.

OUT of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord. Lord, hear m prayer.

2. Oh, let thine ears consider well the voice of my complaint.

3 If thou, Lord, will be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it?

4. For there is mercy with thee: therefore shalt thou be feared.

5. I look for the Lord: my soul doth wait for him; in his word is my trust.

6. My soul fleeth unto the Lord before the morning watch; I say before the morning watch.

7. O Israel, I trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.

8. And he shall redeem Israel from all his sins.

Gloria Patri.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in thy Son's Name; we beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ears to us that have made now our prayers and supplications unto thee; and grant, that those things, which we have faithfully asked according to thy will, mày effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BENEDICTION.